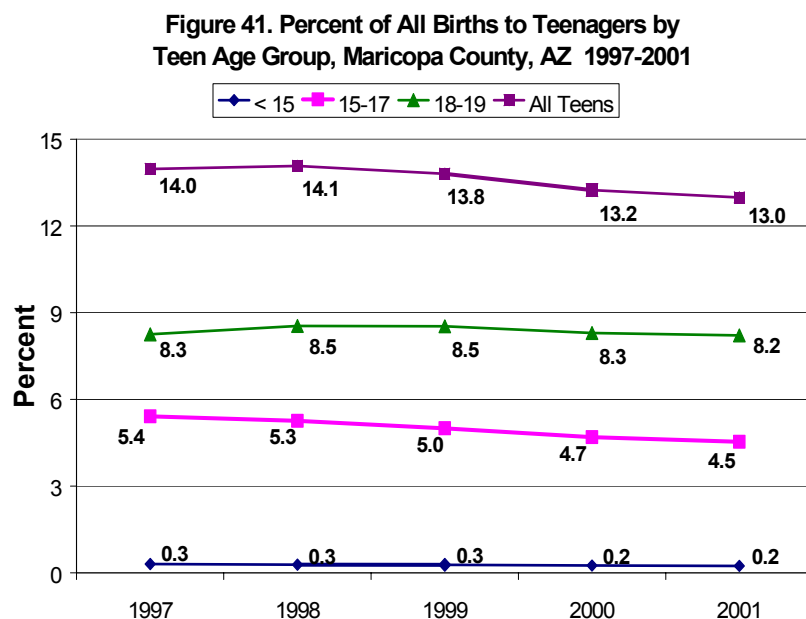


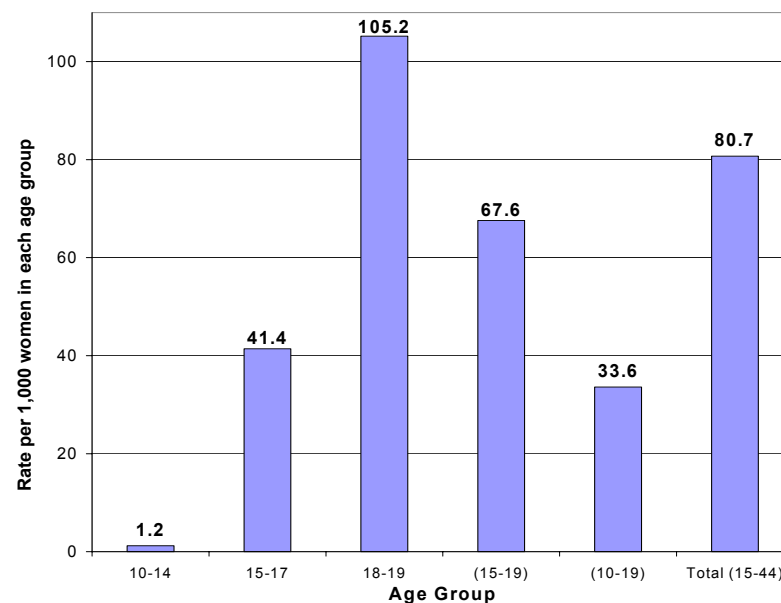
SECTION IX. TEEN PREGNANCY

In 1997, teenage pregnancies (under 20 years of age) accounted for 14% of all births in Maricopa County. This percent has decreased slightly, and by 2001, 13% of all births in the county were to teenagers (see Figure 41). Although the percent of births to teens under the age of 15 and ages 18 to 19 decreased only slightly, births to teens aged 15 to 17 decreased from 5.4% to 4.5%.

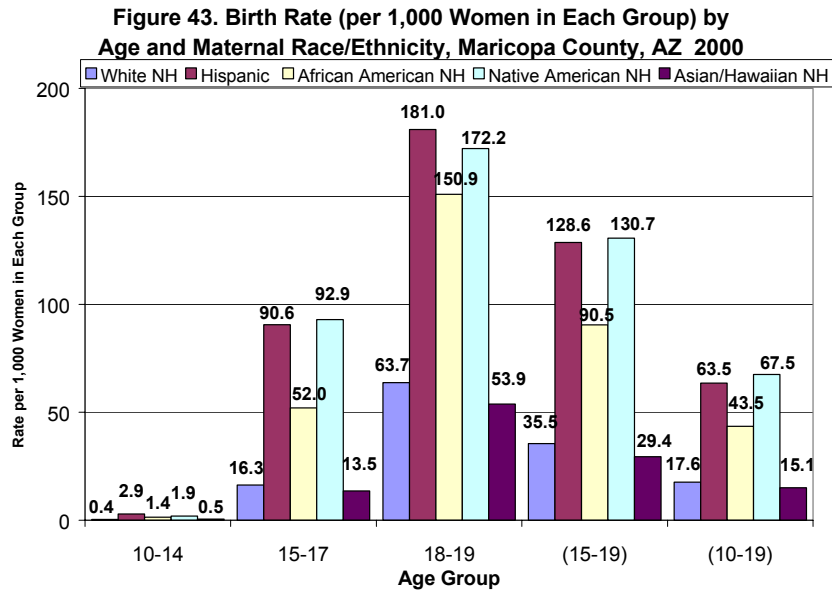


In Maricopa County during 2000, 33.6 out of every 1,000 teenage females (age 10 to 19 years) gave birth. The birth rate was 105.2 per 1,000 females 18 to 19 years of age, 41.4 per 1,000 females 15 to 17 years of age, and 1.2 per 1,000 females 10 to 14 years of age (see Figure 42).

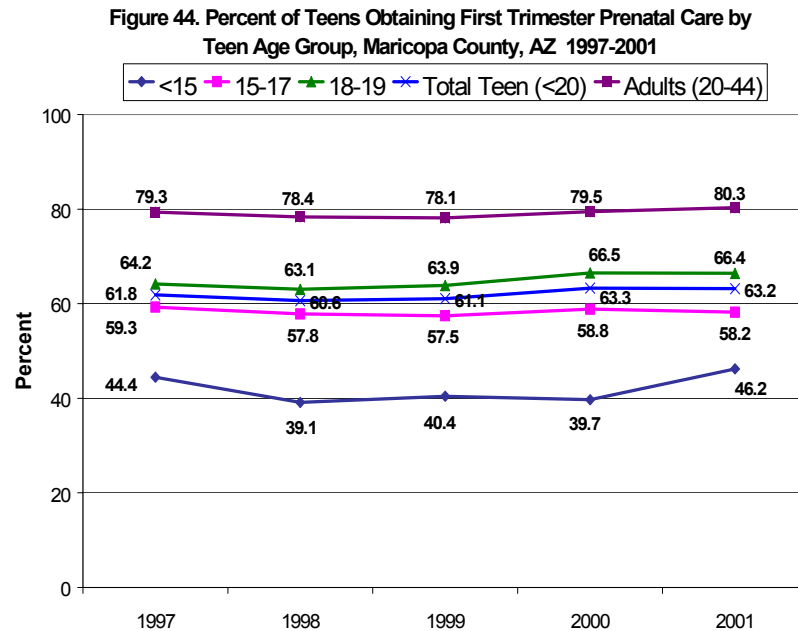
Figure 42. Birth Rate (per 1,000 women in each age group) by Age Group, Maricopa County, AZ 2000



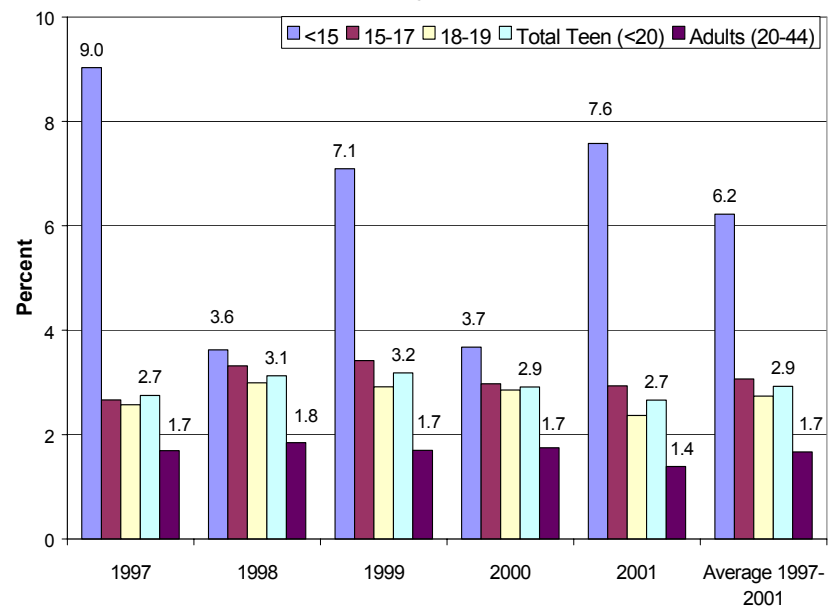
For the year 2000, the Asian/Hawaiian teen birth rate was the lowest at 15.1, Native Americans aged 10-19 years old had the highest teen birth rate, followed by Hispanics. However, the actual number of births to Native Americans teens was lower (286) than that of Hispanics (4,313). See Figure 43.



The percent of teens obtaining prenatal care during their first trimester of pregnancy is represented in Figure 44. Teens in the youngest age group, under 15 years, showed the most remarkable increase in first trimester prenatal care received, averaging 39.7% over the past few years to 46.2% in 2001. Despite this increase, this age group still maintains the lowest level of first trimester prenatal care received. The total percent of teens obtaining first trimester prenatal care is also much lower than the total percent of adults obtaining similar care, 63.2% and 80.3%, respectively.



**Figure 45. Percent of Teen Births with No Prenatal Care,
Maricopa County, AZ 1997-2001**



As shown in Figure 45, teens in the youngest age group, less than 15 years, had the highest percentage of mothers not receiving prenatal care. The percent of all teens with no prenatal care is consistently higher than that of adults, averaging 2.9% and 1.7%, respectively, for 1997-2001.